

issued to Ray et al. on October 9, 1990 in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,349,921 issued to Kuntz on September 21, 1982. Claims 13, 35, 56 and 79 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over the references as applied above to claims 1, 25, 49, 70, respectively, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. Re. 34,871 issued to McGuire et al. on March 7, 1995.

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 2, line 6, after "June 10, 1993," insert --now U.S.

BI Patent No. 5,484,437, --;

line 8, before "07/698,674" insert --07/968,240 filed on

October 29, 1992, which is a continuation of United States

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 26.

Please amend the claims as follows:

B3 1. (amended) [A frusto-conical] An interbody spinal fusion implant for insertion across a disc space between adjacent vertebrae of a human spine, the implant comprising[:] a body having an insertion end, a trailing end, and an outer surface [; and an external] including a thread for engaging said implant to adjacent vertebrae of the spine, the outer locus of said [external] thread forming a substantially frusto-conical configuration[, said implant being